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SUBJECT: ITALIAN MFA OFFICER QUESTIONS EFFICACY OF FRG UNGA  
INITIATIVE ON TERRORISM

REF: STATE 196812

1. DURING GENERAL CONVERSATION PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL, MFA'S  
OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS, FERRABOSCHI, RAISED SUBJECT OF  
UPCOMING FRG INITIATIVE IN UNGA ON TERRORISM.

2. WHILE FERRABOSCHI MAY NOT THEN HAVE BEEN AWARE OF FRG INTENTION  
TO EMPHASIZE THE HOSTAGE ASPECT, HE SAID SPEAKING PERSONALLY  
THAT HE FELT IT WAS A MISTAKE TO PURSUE THE TERRORIST ISSUE IN  
THE UNGA. THE RESULT OF SUCH AN INITIATIVE FROM ANY OF THE  
DEVELOPED POWERS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE A RADICAL, POLEMICAL  
REACTION, REHASHING OLD CHARGES AGAINST IMPERIALISTS, NEO-  
COLONIALISTS, ETC. IN THE PROCESS OF "DEFINING" TERRORISM AND  
TERRORISTS. WESTERN POWERS, IN FERRABOSCHI'S VIEW, SHOULD MAKE  
THEIR VIEWS AND CONCERNS KNOWN AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, AND WORK  
BILATERALLY ON THOSE LDC'S WHICH CAN BE "SENSITIZED" ON  
TERRORISM.

3. FERRABOSCHI SAID THE FRG IS "ALMOST ISOLATED" IN THE EC ON  
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ITS PENDING INITIATIVE AND FELT AN EC SPLIT ON IT IN UNGA WILL

BE VERY DIFFICULT TO AVOID.

4. COMMENT: FERRABOSCHI NOTED THAT HE WAS EXPRESSING A PERSONAL VIEW SINCE MFA HAS NOT YET ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM. HOWEVER, EVENTUAL MFA STANCE IS LIKELY TO RESEMBLE HIS, UNLESS THERE DEVELOPS A CLEAR EC CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF FRG. GOI IS ANXIOUS TO BE HELPFUL ON TERRORISM, AND PRESUMABLY WOULD REFLECT THAT ATTITUDE IN NEW YORK IF FRG PRESENTS ITS SUGGESTION. UNTIL THAT TIME GOI WILL LIKELY BE AMONG EC PARTNERS ATTEMPTING TO DISCOURAGE FRG INITIATIVE. IF, HOWEVER ACTUAL FRG TEXT SHOWS THE INTENTION TO BE LIMITED IN SCOPE AND NOT LIKELY TO PRODUCE A CONFRONTATION IN NEW YORK, GOI WOULD BE QUICKER TO JOIN A FAVORABLE CONSENSUS IN IN EC. VOLPE

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